

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 211

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Carol C. Sheridan on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to recognize those individuals, who through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as significant contributors to higher education and the training of clinical practitioners in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Carol Curtis Sheridan, a native of Giles County, Tennessee, and a long time resident of Knoxville, Tennessee will retire from the University of Tennessee on June 30, 2014 after thirty-nine years of service; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Ardmore High School and completing her undergraduate degree at Auburn University, she earned a Master's Degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 she was appointed as Director of the Cerebral Palsy Day Training Center at the Child Development Center at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis where she provided leadership and direction for a program providing needed services for children with multiple disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 she was appointed to a clinical teaching position in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and over the years, rose to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor of Speech Pathology; and

WHEREAS, she served as Clinical Coordinator for Speech Services at the U.T. Hearing and Speech Center for more than twenty-four years and coordinated the placement of speech pathology students in clinical practicum settings including hospitals, schools, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, and private practices throughout Tennessee and the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, she taught the introductory class in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology each semester introducing students to the clinical process and the skills necessary to be effective clinicians; and

WHEREAS, while teaching and mentoring students she maintained an active schedule of providing direct speech therapy services primarily to young children with severe communication disorders; and

WHEREAS, she also volunteered her time to participate in a Cleft Palate Clinic joining with an interdisciplinary team including plastic surgeons, otolaryngologists, dentists, and other related professionals to address the needs of children diagnosed with cleft palates and other craniofacial abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, she served as one of the Chapter Advisors for the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association assisting with numerous projects including fundraising, career fairs for speech language pathology students; and

WHEREAS, she has served on various committees and in leadership roles for the Tennessee Association of Speech Language Pathologist Foundation; and

WHEREAS, during this same time, she and her husband, John, have raised four children: Amy, Patrick, Daniel, and Austin, all who are graduates of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active member of the AKIMA Club, women's service organization, serving as President, Chair of AKIMA Cabaret, a member of the AKIMA singers, and donating hundreds of hours of community service; and

WHEREAS, Carol Curtis Sheridan has served as an inspiration and role model and mentor for literally hundreds of students who learned clinical skills to assist children and adults with communication disorders and are now licensed practicing speech pathologists throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee and the citizens of the State of Tennessee benefited from her considerable talents and dedication to serving others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and thank Carol C. Sheridan; recognizing her outstanding service as an educator and her record of volunteer service, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.